



GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON SERVICE & VOLUNTEERISM

ELEVATOR SPEECH

Imagine you get on an elevator with someone who knows you, and you're both heading for the tenth floor. It's going to be just the two of you, for the next few seconds. Your friend turns to you and says: "So, I hear you are on the Governor's Commission on Service & Volunteerism. What's that all about, anyway?" No need to panic! Here's what you can say:

The Governor's Commission on Service and Volunteerism is a group of 25 appointed individuals from across the state who give guidance to Governor Napolitano on issues related to service and volunteerism in Arizona.

Specifically, the Commission oversees:

- **AmeriCorps** -- \$1.7 million in funding for 8 state programs and 277 members.
- **The Arizona Civil Rights Project** -- Funding to 9 communities to celebrate MLK, Jr. through service projects, which engages juvenile probationers in local efforts.
- **The Governor's Volunteer Service Award** -- Recognizing 16 outstanding individuals and organizations each year since 2002.
- **Governor's Mentoring Initiative** -- Promotes mentoring statewide and allows state employees to volunteer as a mentor one hour per week during their normal workday.
- **Days of Service** – Support statewide promotion of National Days of Service, such as MLK Day, National Youth Service Day, Join Hands Day, Cesar Chavez Day, and Make a Difference Day.
- **Training and Technical Assistance** – Provide ongoing training and technical assistance for AmeriCorps program directors and members and host the **Annual National Service Conference** in Flagstaff with 300 attendees.

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